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08NEWDELHI1134	2008-04-24 12:12	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET//NOFORN	Embassy New Delhi

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SUBJECT: INDIAN IRAN RETORT MIGHT LAY GROUNDWORK FOR
NUCLEAR MOVEMENT

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Steven White for Reasons 1.4 (B and D)

[1](#). (C/NF) Summary: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee echoed April 23 the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesman's strong and ur

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Mukherjee Elaborates on India's Iran Stance
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[1](#)2. (SBU) During an April 23 interaction with reporters, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee stated that Indian officials would discuss

[1](#)3. (SBU) In response to Casey's statement, the MEA had declared April 22 that Iran and India ""are perfectly capable of managing all aspects c

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MEA Statement Reveals MEA Split on U.S. and Iran
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[1](#)4. (C) PolCouns protested to MEA Joint Secretary (Americas) Gaitri Kumar April 22 MEA's sharp statement, especially after Kumar had earlier st
SIPDIS he returned from Beijing earlier that day. Although PolCouns pressed, Kumar would not reveal who approved the re-worked public statemen

[1](#)5. (C) Charge met April 24 with Additional Secretary (International Organizations) Vivek Katju, and brought up the Iran issue. Katju had no s

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Left Welcomes Tough MEA Statement But Wants More
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[1](#)6. (SBU) Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM) Politburo member Brinda Karat raised the ""unsolicited advice"" from the U.S. April 23 durir

[1](#)7. (SBU) Elements of the Congress Party also expressed their approval of Ahmadinejad's visit. Deputy Home Minister Shakeel Ahmed, known as a

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Mukherjee To Take the Nuclear Deal to Parliament
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[1](#)8. (SBU) Mukherjee also announced April 23 that the UPA government will seek a ""sense of the House"" before completing the nuclear initiative

[1](#)9. (C) An Australian political officer expressed his concern about Mukherjee's formulation to poloff April 24. He worried that ""practical""

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[1](#)10. (C) The visit by Ahmadinejad, sharp retorts to the anodyne U.S. statement, and the pledge to take the nuclear deal to Parliament could giv

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will help pressure NSG countries to draft a clean, non-controversial exception for India. If achieved, such simple NSG language would then put

[1](#)11. (C) While the MEA and Left remarks on Iran are egregious, they are likely mere tactics in the UPA's domestic political machinations. A st

[1](#)12. (S/NF) Meanwhile, Embassy will register its protest of the MEA's offensive statement on Iran. We have offered a briefing to senior Indiar

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